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Wm. Clifford Smith, Treasurer
Billy Tauzin Congressional Committee
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Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 14, 1998 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your May 1, 1998 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

--Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are, but not limited to, "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Unacceptable descriptions include "advance", "election day expense", "expenses", "other expenses", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "outside services", "get-out-the-vote" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations. Please examine all entries on Schedule B to ensure that an acceptable purpose has been included for each.

-Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for transactions other than travel, meals and lodging. Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar